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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ISSA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alexandra’s Law Act
5 of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ADVISORY STATEMENT.**

7 Section 401 of the Controlled Substances Act (21
8 U.S.C. 841) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 “(i) ADVISORY STATEMENT.—

2 “(1) CONVICTION.—Any person who is con-
3 victed of, or enters a plea of guilty or no contest, to
4 an offense under this section with respect to which
5 death occurred, may be charged with homicide.

6 “(2) COURT ADVISING.—A court shall advise
7 any person who is convicted of, or enters a plea of
8 guilty or no contest to, an offense under this section
9 involving N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-
10 piperidinyl] propanamide, or an analogue thereof,
11 exchanged for anything of value, with respect to
12 which death occurred, of the following:

13 ““You are hereby advised that all illicit drugs and coun-
14 terfeit pills are dangerous to human life and become even
15 deadlier when they are, sometimes unknowingly, mixed
16 with substances such as fentanyl and analogues of
17 fentanyl. People can and have died from these substances,
18 even in very small doses. It is extremely dangerous and
19 deadly to human life to sell or administer drugs, in any
20 form, when not lawfully authorized to do so. If you do
21 so in the future and a person dies as a result of that ac-
22 tion, and you knew or should have known that the sub-
23 stance you provided contained fentanyl or a fentanyl ana-
24 logue, you may be charged with an offense under section
25 1111 or 1112 of title 18, United States Code. This convic-

1 tion will be considered by a judge or jury as to whether
2 you knew or should have known that the substance you
3 provided to the decedent contained fentanyl.’”

4 “(3) EVIDENCE.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
6 paragraph (4), in the case of a defendant who
7 is charged with an offense under section 1111
8 of 1112 of title 18, United States Code, with
9 respect to a death involving N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-
10 phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide or an
11 analogue thereof, exchanged for anything of
12 value, a previous conviction for, or a plea of
13 guilty or no contest to, an offense under this
14 section involving N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-
15 phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, or an
16 analogue thereof, in exchange for anything of
17 value, with respect to which death occurred,
18 may be used as evidence that the defendant had
19 knowledge that the substance provided to the
20 decedent contained N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-
21 phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide or an
22 analogue thereof.

23 “(B) ADMISSION OF STATE COURT AC-
24 KNOWLEDGMENT.—Any sworn statement used
25 in State court that is substantially similar to

1 the statement in paragraph (2) shall be admis-
2 sible in a Federal court.

3 “(C) ADMISSION OF FEDERAL COURT AC-
4 KNOWLEDGMENT.—Any sworn statement in
5 paragraph (2) may be admissible in a State
6 court.

7 “(4) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (3) shall not
8 apply to the prosecution of an individual who was a
9 minor at the time at which the individual committed
10 the offense.”.